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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsworthy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

E. C. Warren has been elected city recorder of Redlands.

The Covina people have begun taking subscriptions for a \$10,000 hotel.

The carrier force at the San Diego postoffice has been increased to eleven.

Preparations are being made for the organization in Yuma of a lodge of Elks.

A celery company recently located at Arroyo Grande has begun preliminary work.

Street sweeping by hand is pronounced a great success at Santa Ana, financially and hygienically.

The women of Bakersfield have organized and will do battle for the cause of incorporation.

Hereafter bookkeeping and stenography will be taught free at the Arizona Territorial University.

The school trustees of National City have begun a crusade against the cigarette habit among their male pupils.

There is not even a remote possibility that work on San Pedro harbor will begin before the next session of congress.

The Riverside Globe ceased to exist on Saturday. The property has been sold to M. R. Plaisted of the Enterprise.

It is rumored that Spreckels Bros. have taken hold of the Yuma railroad scheme and intend to carry it to a finish.

The Alcatraz Asphalt company is investing \$2,000,000 in improvements and development work in Santa Barbara county.

Colton is booming. Its marble quarries and lime kilns are running full blast and turning out many carloads of valuable products.

Bondholders of the Mt. Lowe road have secured a decree for the foreclosure and sale of the property from the Superior Court in Los Angeles.

Bishop J. H. Johnson, with his wife and son, has just returned to Pasadena from England. A dinner has been given in honor of the bishop in Los Angeles.

Searchlight paced a mile in 2:05 4-5 at Santa Ana. This entitles him to be known as the fastest three-year-old in the world, the best previous record being 2:07.

A Los Angeles outfitting house has issued a printed list of supplies needed by one man for a year's sojourn in Alaska, and it includes only one gallon of whisky.

The telephone company at Redlands refuses to place more instruments until the council rescinds the ordinance prohibiting the cutting of trees in order to string wires.

The Santa Fe company has commenced preparations for putting in foundations for the new iron bridge over the Santa Ana river between Orange and Anaheim.

Judge Shaw gave J. Marion Brooks a judgment against Congressman Barlow for \$170 without costs. Brooks sued for \$500 for political services and money advanced.

Anna Helywell of Redlands, a student at Berkeley, died of morphine poisoning. Her parents are much mystified, but it is supposed to be the tragic end of a love affair.

The San Bernardino athletic club has received a well-assorted supply of gymnasium apparatus and the athletic cult will be in evidence among the young men during the winter.

Clerk Frank Dewby, under the direction of the town council of Ventura, has completed a census of the town and finds 3067 bona fide inhabitants, an increase of 741 in seven years.

Judge York of Pasadena has been chosen to preside at a San Diego suit in which a Masonic lodge is one of the parties, he being the only superior judge south of Tehachapi who is not a Mason.

The Sunset Telephone company has inaugurated a bulletin news service for the convenience of patrons. Brief bulletins of events in the Southern California towns reached by the company are displayed as received.

Los Angeles has decided to call an election for December 7 to decide the question of issuing school bonds to the

amount of \$339,000 and fire bonds to the amount of \$150,000, the bonds to bear 4 per cent interest.

Gov. M. H. McCord and ex-Gov. L. C. Hughes of Arizona are in Los Angeles. They have tendered to Prof. W. M. Parker of Throop the presidency of the territorial university, and the offer has been accepted.

Two hundred Los Angeles oil wells which have been shut down for two weeks have resumed pumping. The surplus of oil has been reduced 90,000 barrels. Producers believe the rate of \$1 per barrel can be maintained.

Company M of Riverside won the match in the shoot against Company G of Sacramento, the twenty men making a total score of 1146. The Sacramento team made 1052 points, leaving the Riverside company a majority of 94 points.

A huge mountain lion pounced down upon a calf on W. F. Rickett's ranch at Valley Center, this county, a few days ago, when the rancher appeared and with a big club started after the big cat. The lion released his prey and took to the hills.

The Southern California Power company has paid over to the assignee of E. F. Phelan \$20,000 and all claims against the tunnels, stock, tools and everything else in the Santa Ana canyon belonging to Mr. Phelan has been released. Fairchild & Gilmore will push the work and put on 200 more men, so that the juice will flow over the wires to Los Angeles by January, 1898.

An Avalon correspondent writes that during the fall and winter many important improvements will be made before the summer season of '98 opens. Additional shade trees to the number of 5000 or 6000 are being set out in rows 20x40 feet apart. These trees when matured will shade the rear of the camps, while the old trees protect the fronts of the tents from the sun.

Escondido citizens have held a meeting for the purpose of taking steps toward the establishment of a cannery in that valley. A committee consisting of the following citizens was appointed to investigate the feasibility of the plan: J. M. Hyne of San Marcos, Dr. L. H. Hillery of Poway, Ray Trussell of San Pasqual, J. Frazer of Bear Valley and Charles A. McDougall of Escondido.

Track laying on the Westminster extension of the Santa Ana and Newport railway was completed October 27, the northern terminus at present being on the Smetzer celery ranch, ten miles distant from Newport Beach. The 27th was a record breaker on the new line. With a force of thirty-four men 4000 feet of track were laid, the last rail on the new line being laid at 5:25 p.m.

Pasadena's latest acquisition in the way of a railroad is being constructed between Hotel Green and the new annex. The road is built on solid steel supports and is forty feet from the ground. The cars will be run in an inclosed passage, crossing Raymond avenue and then through the hotel park, a distance of about 100 yards. The journey will be made as noiselessly as possible, and electricity will be the motive power.

The supervisors of San Diego county, after a two-weeks' bitter struggle of the contesting parties, have fixed the rates to be charged irrigators under the water system of the San Diego Land and Town company at \$3.50 per acre per year. This is a substantial victory for the ranchers, as the company recently increased the rates to \$7. The ranchers contended for the former rate, and it is now granted. The case will be appealed by the company.

The annual election of officers of Partisans Militant at Los Angeles resulted as follows: Grand Patriarch, O. W. Erlwine, Sacramento; grand high priest, J. W. Harris, San Francisco; grand senior warden, Joseph Foster, San Diego; grand scribe, W. H. L. Barnes, San Francisco; grand treasurer, George W. Lemont, San Francisco; grand representative, J. T. Doran, P.M.P., Tulare; grand trustees, H. S. Winn, P.G.P., Marysville; F. A. Week, P.G.P., Eureka; W. S. Potter, P.G.P., San Francisco.

Glass sand has been discovered in large quantities in Antelope Valley by E. M. Hamilton of East Los Angeles. The sand is a very fine grade and promises to be quite a factor in the manufacturing industries of Southern California. A few months ago a party of eastern mechanics sent an expert to the coast to find glass deposits, if any existed, and report upon the desirability of locating a factory here. It was found that the glass sand around this city was of an inferior grade, and the scheme was given up. This last discovery may revive the scheme.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Herman Liebes, lessee of the Pribyloff islands, insists that any scheme of seal protection must include the absolute prohibition of pelagic sealing.

The Monterey Whaling company at Pacific Grove captured two large whales, one 63 feet long and the other 41 feet. The season's catch thus far is eight whales. The two just caught will yield about 110 barrels of oil.

The rails of the San Joaquin Valley road, on the Bakersfield extension, are being rapidly put in place. At Stockton rights of way have been given through the Boggs tract, thus saving twenty-five miles between Stockton and Point Richmond.

The steamer Excelsior is going out of the Klondike trade. The Alaska Commercial company's charter has lapsed and they have turned her over to the owners. The company's new steamer now building at the Union Iron Works will be ready for the St. Michaels run in the spring.

The Society of California Pioneers will celebrate the semi-centennial of the first discovery of gold in California by Marshall on January 24, 1898. The survivors of the party accompanying Marshall will be taken to San Francisco to participate in the celebration. Gov. Budd has promised to proclaim the day a legal holiday.

The scare in and about Colton that yellow fever was likely to reach this part of the country from Texas, over the Southern Pacific road, does not seem to have been shared to any great extent by the state board of health, for that body has decided that there is no danger and that there is no necessity for maintaining a quarantine on the line of the road in Arizona.

The superior court of San Francisco has sustained the demurrer in the San Francisco board of education to the complaint filed against them by Dr. C. C. O'Donnell, in which he charged the members of the board with malfeasance in office, in connection with the use of certain school books. The demurrer was sustained without leave to amend, throwing the complaint out of court.

The Sacramento Bee publishes a sensational story of abuses which are said to exist at the Preston School of Industry at Ione. Citizens of that place are feverish with excitement, and openly demand the immediate removal of Dr. O'Brien, superintendent. General charges of incompetency are made, and it is also stated that boys in the school are brutally flogged with a paddle made of sole leather. O'Brien denies the charges and refuses to be drawn into a newspaper controversy.

There are a number of improvements contemplated at the Wilson's Peak park, and a few of them have been actually determined upon. One of these is the terracing of the mountain near Strain's camp to make room for more tents. New trails are being laid out and the preliminary work done so that the winter's rains will harden the soil. It is probable that trees will be set out at Henniger's flats and among the possibilities is a building there to accommodate the tourists who wish to go up to the snow line but not to make the entire trip.

The first of the large guns to defend San Diego port from foreign foe has arrived. The weapon is a ten inch rifle, shipped direct from the Watervliet arsenal, New York, and weighs 67,000 pounds. A specially constructed iron car was used in transporting the big gun from the east. The work of removing it to Ballast Point will begin immediately. The gun will be taken to the wharf and there transferred to a lighter, to be towed to Ballast Point. The lighter will be beached and the gun taken off on skids and moved to the emplacement. The disappearing carriage for the gun has not yet arrived, but it is expected daily. The weight of this piece of machinery is about fifty tons. The United States government is having three of these monster guns placed on Point Loma, and it is expected that they will all three soon be in position to command the entrance to San Diego harbor against any invasion from a hostile foreign fleet.

EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Frances E. Willard was re-elected president of the National W. C. T. U.

A strawboard trust, including every plant in the country, has been organized.

The Union Pacific road was sold on Monday to the reorganization committee for the sum of \$53,528,532.76. There was but one bid. It is supposed that the Vanderbilts are the purchasers.

It is believed that the yellow fever epidemic in the south is on the wane. The cooler weather of the past week had a salutary effect. The total deaths at New Orleans to October 31 was 183. The total cases still under treatment was 528.

The South Pennsylvania Oil company closed a deal for the purchase of the oil property of the Devonia, Emery and Mason oil companies in the Bradford, Pa., fields. The deal includes 20,000 acres of land and 450 producing wells. The consideration was \$1,400,000 cash.

The people of Mentonville, Ky., have a very effective way of keeping their preachers in orthodox lines or getting rid of them. A minister of the Christian church at that place recently preached a sermon in which he affirmed there is no devil. He was promptly ejected from the house and about twenty pistol shots fired after him as he departed.

The steamship Milwaukee has sailed from New Orleans for Liverpool with the largest cargo of cotton, if not the largest general cargo ever floated. It consists of 23,850 bales of cotton, 30,200 bushels of grain, 38,818 pieces of staves, 2300 cars—her entire cargo being equal to 26,000 bales of cotton. It would take 500 freight cars to carry her cargo, and the train would measure three and one-quarter miles in length.

Van Wyck, the Tammany candidate for mayor of Greater New York, is elected by an immense majority; Lowe, Citizens' union candidate second; Tracy Republican third; George fourth. Republicans claim gains in Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota and Massachusetts. Kentucky goes strongly Democratic. Nebraska cast a bigger silver majority than at the presidential election. The result in Ohio is doubtful but Hanna will probably get the senatorship.

Judge Thomas of the United States court of Indian Territory has handed down an important and far-reaching decision. Judge Thomas held that the publication of warning notices to non-resident defendants in divorce proceedings was null and void, and that actual service must be had on such defendants. The decision, if sustained in the supreme court, to which an appeal has been taken, will set aside hundreds of marriages contracted by parties who have obtained decrees of divorce from courts on the default of non-resident defendants.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Mexico is decreasing its imports of cotton goods by establishing cotton mills.

There is some very subdued talk in Mexico city to the effect that young Captain Diaz will succeed his father as president of Mexico.

Prince Mohammed Ali, who is brother to the khedive of Egypt, is engaged to marry an American girl. He has offered to renounce the succession of the khedivate.

The government of Norway is preparing to send out an expedition in search of Andree, the aeronaut who ascended in his balloon on July 11 to search for the north pole. The expedition has the appearance of a wild goose chase.

The diet of the Greater Republic of Central New Mexico still refuses to accept Captain W. L. Merry of San Francisco as minister to that republic, but its action is believed to be a political move to compel the United States to first officially recognize the diet, which may be dissolved at any day by the withdrawal of one of the republics.

A special form Hermosillo, Mex., says: Captain Porter and a sailor named Johnson were murdered on Tiburon island about October 27 by Ceres cannibals. They were out for shells and rare birds for a curio company and penetrated a short distance into the interior of the island. When they returned to their boat they met a party of Indians. They fired twelve shots before they were killed. It is not known what became of the remains, although the nature of the Indians lends color to the belief that they ate the dead men.

MINES AND MINING.

The gold find in the Ojai valley made last spring still holds out. Ore full of virgin gold has been found.

Up at Randsburg they are picking up mines on the street, as the result of telephone pole prospect holes.

Thomas Ewing, of San Francisco has bought the Minnesota and Connor mines at Chloride, near Kingman, for \$250,000.

The Alaska-Treadwell mine produced 21,354 tons of ore during September, and 417 tons of sulphurets were treated.

Klondike gold runs about 700 fine; California gold goes sometimes as high as 925 fine. Probably the purest native gold is from the Mount Morgan, Australia, mine, which has gone as high as 987.

B. W. Rice, of Milford, Utah, has filed the first papers toward getting a patent on a flour-gold machine. The principle is just exactly contrary to that existing in the mind of every old-time placer miner.

Victor is to have a new quartz mill. F. W. Randall and W. Walker of that place were in town last night on their way to Los Angeles to buy a ten-stamp quartz mill, which will be set up at Victor.—San Bernardino Sun.

Assessment work on claims is estimated by the day's work at the ruling local rate of wages. No decision permits trail or road work to apply on the required amount of annual work or improvement. Work must be on the claim or in direct relation to it.

The gross output from the Cœur d'Alenes this year will reach \$15,000,000. One-third of this represents the amount expended for transportation and treatment, one-third went for labor, repairs, material and new machinery, while the mine owners pocket the other third as profits.

The Nogales Oasis says: "The rush of prospectors and investors into Sonora is something remarkable, and it has just begun. All the hotels are crowded with Americans, and boarders have to await their turns at the tables, which have to be set three or four times each meal to accommodate all who come."

The California Miners' Association proposes to take immediate action to have the federal mining laws, which are declared defective, amended, and to take steps leading to the establishment of a mining department in the federal government, represented by a cabinet officer to be known as Secretary of Mines and Mining.

A recent transaction in stock of the United Verde mine at Jerome throws a little light on the mystery of the great value that attaches to that famous mine. A small holding was sold recently on the basis of \$30,000,000 for the entire property, and it could not be bought from the purchaser for less than nearly double that amount.

The Tucson Star learns from Hermosillo that the Copper Queen company has been granted a concession to erect a smelter at that place, the company having deposited a guarantee of \$10,000 gold coin to comply with the concession. The concession carries with it exemption from taxation and special low rates on custom ores hauled over the Sonora railroad. The plant to be erected will have all modern appliances for treating copper ore, as well as silver and lead ores.

The Electrical Engineer publishes the following account of Thomas A. Edison's success in recovery, by electrical means, of the iron contained in low-grade ore: "The inventor's experiments have been carried on during the past six years at the old Ogen iron mills, a few miles from Dover, N. J. His process in brief consists in pulverizing the ore. The order is then allowed to fall in close proximity to electric magnets, which deflect the iron to one side and the non-metallic matter falls to the other side by gravity."

"The end of the year is coming on and those who have not yet done their assessment work had better begin pretty soon, as there are hosts of people just waiting to see what is going to be done with a number of claims that are staked off and never had a pick stuck into them, and when the first of the year dawns there will be quite a lot of jumping done. We would like to see some of the claims fall into the hands of people who would do some development work on them, as we think a great many of the claims that are staked off will never have the assessment work done by the original locators. A great many people came in with the rush last winter and staked off claims which they never expect to see again," says the Garlock News.